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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arda Akman

Examiner: Parton, Kevin S.

Serial No. 09/589,449

Art Unit: 2153

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXECUTING CONTROL PROTOCOLS
AMONG NODES IN SEPARATE IP NETWORKS**Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Office Action mailed 27 May 2003, Applicant files the present preliminary amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant encloses a credit card form authorizing payment of \$878.00 representing the RCE fee, a one month extension of time fee, and an extra claim fee. If any additional fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

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